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- 7. The School Buildings Assistance Act now provides grants up to 25 percent of the cost of new school buildings and permits 25 percent to be borrowed at $3\frac{1}{2}$ percent interest from the School Lands Trust Fund.
- 8. With the help of loans and grants under the School Borrowing Assistance Act, 113 schools were erected in 1951.
- 9. The School Lands Trust Fund has been made available for lending to school boards towards the cost of new school buildings.
- 10. Since the war the University of Alberta has been provided with two large wings to the Medical Building and an exceptionally fine library building. An Engineering Building and an Agriculture Building are being built.
- 11. The Calgary Branch of the University is offering Arts and Science courses in addition to those in Education.
- 12. The Provincial Institute of Technology and Art, Calgary, has continued to expand. New buildings and additions in 1951 and 1952 provide needed space especially for the extension of the instructional program for apprentices.

13. The Department of Education is encouraging and assisting school divisions to initiate a text-book rental scheme to reduce the cost of books to school pupils. The School Book Branch now supplies books to pupils at cost.

STATISTICS

School Grants—	1936-37	1952-53
For operation For capital		\$9,870,000 2,000,000
University—		
For operation	\$ 399,650	\$1,700,000
For capital	450,000	\$ 579,500
Teachers Pension	ns nil	\$ 565,000

Your Government recognizes that the children of today must have proper education if they are to become the leaders of tomorrow. From the time a child enters elementary school until they complete high school or university, the Alberta Department of Education sees that a useful program of studies is provided.

Through a well-organized training in the arts, sciences, history and world study, the students in Alberta are given every opportunity to become valuable citizens of our Province.

